

THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

Cross Country

The women's cross country team finished fourth out of nine teams at the MIAA Championships in Emporia, Kan. Sophomore Angela Adams led the Bearcats, finishing 12th. The men finished sixth out of eight teams, led by sophomore Zach Layton, who finished 16th.

Artwork Exhibit

The artwork of Lee Knox will be displayed at the Northwest Missouri State University Kansas City Center (Blue Jay Tower Plaza, 8 Victory Lane) in Liberty beginning Monday, Nov. 2, through the end of the month. Knox is a writer, author, public speaker and world traveler who picked up a paintbrush and put watercolor to paper while serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Romania. She has been painting pictures from her travel photographs ever since. The Northwest Kansas City Center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Street Beat Show

Street Beat, a Los Angeles-based urban drum and dance show that brings a high-energy explosion of urban rhythm, hip hop and break dance moves for all ages, is the next Encore production. It begins at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, in the Mary Linn Auditorium at the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

COMMUNITY

Toys for Tots

The Freedom of Roadriders' local 26 RIDE OR DRIVE will once again take donations for children. The event will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 at the Courthouse Square. Toys and non-perishable food items are encouraged.

Volleyball

The No. 1 seeded Spoofhounds (33-1) advanced to the district championship game against No. 2 LeBlond on Wednesday night. Results were not available as of press time. To get to the championship Maryville beat Trenton 2-0 on Monday night and defeated Lathrop 2-0 on Tuesday.

BEARCATS

Friday
- Volleyball at Pittsburg State, 7 p.m. in Pittsburg, Kan.

Saturday
- Football at Fort Hays State, 2 p.m. in Hays, Kan.
- Soccer vs. Missouri Southern, 2 p.m. at home
- Volleyball at Southwest Baptist, 2 p.m. in Bolivar, Mo.

Wednesday
- Volleyball at Nebraska-Omaha, 7 p.m.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Thursday
- Football at St. Joseph LeBlond, 7 p.m.

Saturday
- Boy's Soccer vs. Alta Vista, 2 p.m. at Barstow High School, Kansas City

BUDGET

State cuts additional funds

By Greg Miller
News Editor

The University dodged a financial bullet in the latest round of cuts to the state budget, announced Wednesday by Gov. Jay Nixon. The governor eliminated an additional \$204 million and eliminated nearly 700 jobs, all to compensate for the decline in state revenue. Nixon also cut \$634 million out of the \$23.7 billion budget lawmakers approved for the current fiscal year. "These restrictions have

become necessary due to declining state revenues caused by ongoing national economic downturn," Nixon said. While the news is grim for Medicaid and health care providers, arts and humanities subsidies and life sciences research, the Governor made no cuts to public K-12 schools or higher education. Northwest officials, in their initial review, are relieved. "The fact that actions like this have been taken here, stresses how bad conditions are in the state of Missouri," Dan Edmonds, interim vice presi-

dent for finance, said. "We're trying to position ourselves of if cuts to our appropriations, should occur we'll be in a better position to withstand it." Departments across campus have voluntarily looked for ways to cut costs, fearing the Governor's report would have cut much more money from higher education. Those efforts ranged from cutting travel expenses, cell phone usage and memberships to various organizations. Other states across the country are struggling financially as well, also because of

steep declines in income. In Missouri, revenues were down 10 percent, through the first quarter of the budget year. Nixon, in a news conference at the state capitol, said there was no reason to trim from education. While higher education escaped cuts for now, revenues aren't expected to rise soon. Northwest is working to trim the budget for fear of higher education cuts in the future. "We're being very proactive," Edmonds said. "The next few months will be interesting."

BUDGET CUT



- \$634 million total cut in current fiscal year
- 2,300 full and part-time state employee positions eliminated
- Revenues down 10% in first quarter of budget year
- \$32.5 million will be cut from medicaid

SAC

SAC votes to change cycle

Cassie Thomas
Missourian Reporter

Student Activities Council will change the cycle to appoint its Board of Directors and Executive Board. In the past, these positions were appointed in the spring and the students would take the positions at the end of the spring semester, just before the school year ended. Positions will still be turned over at the end of the spring semester, but instead they will be appointed in the fall, allowing the spring semester for the newly appointed student to shadow the current office holder as they perform the position's responsibility. This decision was voted on by the current SAC executive board and board of directors.

Dan Scheuler, graduate assistant and advisor to SAC, worked to make this change. "The main reason for the change would be the shadowing period," Scheuler said. Members who take a position they are unfamiliar with would then have more experience by the time they take over the position, according to Scheuler. Applications for positions are due Nov. 12 and are available in the Office of Campus Activities, located on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union, near the Runt. Positions available for students to apply for include president, any of the three vice president positions, and chairs of the five committees, concert, entertainment, lecture, special events and late night entertainment.

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AFTER THE INAUGURATION



photo by lori frankenfield | chief photographer

President John Jasinski shakes hands with the 8th President of the University, Dr. B.D. Owens.

Past presidents reflect back as they look forward

By Greg Miller
News Editor

The celebratory mace, the wardrobes and the chain were all part of a tradition not seen for 25 years. They are traditions B.D. Owens and Dean Hubbard remember well. Owens' inauguration was filled with pomp and circumstance as well, but the spirit wasn't as bright. "It was a totally different era," Owens said. "The University had accreditation problems, financial problems, it was very difficult for someone to take the role as president."

Owens, who earned a bachelor's degree at Northwest in 1959, began as president in 1977. Northwest was renamed as a university five years earlier, and it was challenging for all at the time. For Owens, last Friday's inauguration triggered memories about the traditions of Northwest. "It is a continuation of the traditions that were established, many of them, when I became president and was inaugurated," Owens said. "But it was an era where Northwest was able to establish, partially with my inauguration, a place in time where other

institutions began to recognize Northwest more than they had in other time frames." The Chain of Office President John Jasinski donned during the ceremony was designed for Owens' inauguration 32 years ago. The ceremonial mace, which was lost in the subsequent years before, triggered many memories for Owens. Instead of students gathering to study and socialize, they were gathering for war protests during his tenure. "That was a time frame when university presidents

didn't last very long in the positions. There was still a lot of discontent coming out of the Vietnamese war," Owens said. Another obstacle after Owens began as president was the crippling blaze in July 1979, which caused severe fire and smoke damage to the Administration Building. Owens led the University through the ordeal, and helped the University overcome and grow stronger, and he said he saw all his hard work pay off at last week's ceremony.

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COMMUNITY



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CAROL HARKRIDER AND Randy Baker, both employed at Inspired Horizons Inc., stuff candy bags for the Downtown Trick-or-Treat event Thursday on the square.

Inspired Horizons offers hope for entire family

Trey Williams
Missourian Reporter

A new business in town hopes to meet the needs and offer support to children and families in the community. Inspired Horizons provides mental health services, therapy, and hopes that their services can provide stability for those in need. "We specialize in family and individual therapy," Jana Frye,

president of Inspired Horizons Inc., said. Although they focus on family and child therapy, they provide many other types of therapy for couples, individuals, and they even do supervised visitation for divorced couples. Frye has helped lost kids find a way to trust people again and know that there are people who care. She remembered one child in and out of foster

homes who had lost his trust and belief in society. A single dad ended up adopting this child. Frye helped the father to understand the kid's needs and helped the kid realize that there are people who care and who can be trusted. She said that if something positive had not happened the 13 year old kid would have been lost; ended up in jail or

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Homecoming Awards

Variety Show 1st place receives a trophy and \$500 Phi Mu Alpha	Fraternities 1st place receives a plaque and \$50 Delta Chi
Olio Acts 1st place receives a plaque and \$100 Ziggad-abuzz	Sororities 1st place receives a plaque and \$50 Phi Mu
Homecoming Parade	Floats
Jalopies 1st place receives a plaque and \$60 Alpha Kappa Lambda	Best of Parade in the Sorority Division Sigma Kappa
Paper Mache Clowns	Best of Parade in the Fraternity Division Phi Sigma Kappa
Fraternities 1st place receives a plaque and \$50 Phi Sigma Kappa	Best of Parade in the Competitive Division Sigma Alpha Iota
Sororities 1st place receives a plaque and \$50 Sigma Kappa	H o m e c o m i n g Supremacy Highly Competitive Sorority Supremacy winner Sigma Kappa
Costume Clowns	Highly Competitive Fraternity Supremacy winner Phi Sigma Kappa

GHOSTS

Teacher reveals the paranormal

By Mark A. Kauffman
Missourian Reporter

The paranormal has always fascinated Northwest instructor Jason Offutt. His fascination led him to a serious pursuit of the supernatural.

Offutt was the speaker for the Local Author’s Luncheon this Tuesday. Offutt authored “Haunted Missouri: A Ghostly Guide to the Show-Me State’s Most Spirited Spots” and “Darkness Walks: The Shadow People Among Us.”

A mysterious encounter at a young age drove Offutt’s interest in the paranormal. As a child in the 1970s, Offutt encountered a young, brown-haired boy wearing a blue flannel shirt and blue-jeans. The boy stood in front of his bookshelf. He saw the bookshelf through the boy. Offutt stayed silent about the experiences for 30 years because, as he said, he didn’t want to seem crazy. But after he started writing books and

blogs about the paranormal, he found that many people have had experiences.

“I’m not a ghost hunter. I’m a reporter,” Offutt said. “I try and discount everything logically.”

“Haunted Missouri” serves as a guidebook to Missouri’s haunted public places. It contains detailed descriptions of historic, haunted locations and the times when they can visit the site for themselves.

“Darkness Walks” discusses the complicated mythos of the shadow people phenomena in detail. Stories contributed by sources worldwide, combined with Offutt’s own investigation into the theories behind shadow people, give readers an extensive look into the subject.

Offutt said Tuesday that he has two more books in the works. He searches for all the strange things within 100 miles of his house in “What Lurks Beyond”. From Big-foot sightings in St. Joseph to

a UFO report in Ashland, Neb., there’s a lot more in a 100 mile radius than one might expect.

In “Paranormal Missouri” Offutt investigates the paranormal within his home state. In contrast to “Haunted Missouri”, “Paranormal Missouri” has Offutt going off the beaten trail in search of more than just ghosts. He documents other strange occurrences in the book.

Offutt also keeps a blog that he updates weekly with new paranormal stories. “Darkness Walks” spawned from a topic on Offutt’s blog.

Offutt teaches an array of journalism classes as well. Paranormal Journalism is one of his less traditional classes and new to the University this year.

“I think it’s awesome that Northwest offers a class like that,” Asher Yurachek said of Offutt’s Paranormal Journalism class.



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MASS COMMUNICATION TEACHER Jason Offutt has written four books on the paranormal with a fifth coming out in the spring.

Offutt spoke on the class at the luncheon, saying that the class aims to “cover strange and unusual events objectively.”

The luncheon was sponsored by the Bearcat Bookstore and took place in the J.W. Jones Student Union’s First Ladies Dining Room.

CAMPUS HISTORY

Online museum unveils opportunity to view evolution of University since 1905

By Matthew Leimkuehler
Missourian Reporter

Northwest leaped forward this past weekend in technological expansion and evolvement by unveiling two brand new online museums open for public viewing.

The Northwest History Museum and the Computing History Museum were

both released to the public this past Homecoming weekend, providing the public with images of the history of Northwest since its founding in 1905.

The University looked to create a central location where people could go and explore the history of the University without having to travel back to campus.

“I was kicking around the idea, if we can’t physically have one museum where people can go and explore, then we could have a virtual one,” Kim Todd, assistant director of the Computing Museum said.

It took many hands and great help to get the site up and running, a project that began in October 2008.

“It was really a cooperative effort between Information Systems, the CITE office, University Relations, B.D. Owens Library archives, a wonderful cooperative effort,” Todd said.

The Northwest History Museum gives viewers the opportunity to look at the evolution of the school, its students, professors and even

the mascot.

“It really gives you a glimpse into campus life from 1905 up to today,” Todd said.


The Internet proved to be the ideal form for the museum for financial and educational reasons alike.

“Right now, nobody has even talked about a physical University museum,” Todd

said.

Upkeep will have to take place on the Web site, as historic events take place at Northwest.

The two online museums give viewers from all over the world the chance to see the finest history of the University on display. It is a growing Web site, and is showing strides towards the future.



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
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Hearing brings intense debate



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OUR VIEW

Need for higher education funding increase

There are two primary sources of funding for higher education, the state and tuition. And when states leave us high and dry, students make up for the disparity with an inflation of price for a decrease in what is actually provided. Even though Missouri has held out by freezing tuition and in some instances salaries, at the same time it has reined in spending on higher education. This can only continue for so long until someone has to make up the difference.

We cannot argue that higher education should receive an advantage over other programs it competes with, which generally receive a larger portion of funding. However, we do know that for a productive society, there needs to be an even playing field.

The two main options for this are undesirable to all, especially a legislator trying to keep his or her seat through rocky reelection campaigns: a decrease in the public services provided or an increase in

taxes.

However, a state that contributes more to higher education will certainly be rewarded in the long run.

First, skilled education benefits all people and all aspects of any given society.

With an increase in the amount of people being educated, there is an increased likelihood of innovation, economic growth, productivity and inevitably, prosperity. This doesn't just affect those wealthy or more educated; it affects every single person

regardless of class affiliation.

An educated and informed society is absolutely necessary for our republican system of government to function properly. We cannot vote if we do not fully know what we are voting for. We cannot convey our opinions to our representatives if we do not understand issues and policies others seek to implement. Education allows an increased comprehension for whom and how our system operates, and this is essential to uphold the general prin-

ciples that are the foundation of our way of life.

Second, our generation is not that of previous times in which application through apprenticeships or full hands-on learning was widely accepted and even encouraged.

The need for skilled workers is on the rise. Good jobs and the good life are contingent upon advanced training, and our economy punishes those who do not seek out some sort of advancement, whether through blue

or white-collar sectors of employment.

Not only this, but a society that is educated decreases the amount of state dependents, and in turn increases individualism and self-sufficiency.

Who do you think closes the gap when an individual is left behind? The government. Regardless, the state will be spending money on its people. Either it can spend now to promote a society that stands upon its feet, or it can pay later for the people unable or unwilling to do so.

WHAT THE DEUCE

The Maryville Daily Forum ran an article last week about healthier ways to enjoy Halloween-toys, home-made treats or products such as raisins and crackers. While it is undoubtedly true that obesity and diabetes is a concern for all Americans, including children, it is also safe to say that one holiday does not make or break the scales. What does, however, cause an alarm is the constant disregard for health and nutrition year-round by all ages. Our children are not fat from one night's rendezvous with chocolate bars and suckers. Television as a baby sitter and fast food has replaced playing outside, reading and a real dinner with the family. Even "perfect" parents do not stress nutrition and exercise enough. Let's not punish a good holiday for our nutritional wrongdoings.

CARTOON



MY VIEW

G-20 policies prevent global economic disaster

By Amanda Petelin
Contributing Columnist

Many of us have probably heard about the G-20 Summit in passing or while clicking through the news stations in search of something more comical.

Regardless if the Pittsburgh summit has gone and past, the G-20 is an important organization.

The Group of Twenty Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors was established in 1999 to meet as an informal forum to openly discuss issues related to global economic stability. It was originally created in response to the financial crises of the 1990s, and as recognition that emerging countries had never before been involved in the international discussion of global economics.

The G-20 is made up of 19 member countries, including the United States, China and the United Kingdom. The 20th member is a representative of the European Union. These countries represent around 90 percent of global GNP, 80 percent of world trade and two-thirds of the world's population.

We have previously seen the attempt at a G-7, G-22, and G-33, all of which were aimed at

resolving the financial crises that were seen worldwide. However, because of its membership and influence, the G-20 is the most legitimate organization ever created to manage the global economy.

On September 24 and 25 of this year, G-20 members met in Pittsburgh, which, according to President Obama, was a perfect venue for the organization.

Economically, Pittsburgh is the perfect model for many of the things that G-20 stands for: economic diversification, from dependence on the steel industry to biotechnology and clean energy initiative industries.

Public officials in Pittsburgh claim that they build upon their historic strengths as a hub for manufacturing, business services and energy. Pittsburgh also claims that they leverage human capital to create new research, innovation and entrepreneurship-based industries, while also capitalizing on their natural and cultural assets in order to further invest in infrastructure to improve quality of life.

The summit at Pittsburgh brought worldwide attention to the United States' ability to create and harbor prosperity outside of

our well-known centers such as New York or Los Angeles.

Knowledge and understanding of the G-20 is vital; this is meant to be more than just an informative piece on who and what the G-20 encompasses.

It is important to see that as economies around the world dip into recessions and ultimately fail, the G-20 is an organization of experts who aim to prevent the much too harsh hardships that are created as a result of those economic plunders.

The G-20 works on solving a range of issues, including agreements on fiscal policy and reduction of financial system abuse.

Internationally recognized standards are created by the G-20, which has aided the United States' fiscal policy to become more transparent, meaning that we can see where our government is spending (sometimes wasting) money.

As our economy continues to teeter on the edge of collapse, it is important to understand that the policies created and measures taken by the G-20 can currently help us make educated and informed decisions of fiscal policy and can later help us prevent economic disaster.

MY VIEW

Remove conflict from government, society

By Kathleen Wilmes
Opinion Editor



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Last week, my Law and Politics class discussed lawyers within the adversary system. After we watched an episode of "The Practice", in which an attorney broke the confidences of a client (an insurance company) and firm because his conscience compelled him to tell a boy's family that their child had a life-threatening condition, a question was brought to the class' attention.

How is one to act when the rules of a specific system conflict with the ethics of a given society?

We are aware of this issue with not only the legal system, but also our entire political system in whole. However, I must ask; should such a conflict even be allowed?

Although I can analyze and understand the arguments of practicality, I still cannot accept this, or really any reason to break away from the path of our moral compass, that which we call natural law.

Immanuel Kant once wrote, "There can be no conflict of politics, as a practical doctrine of right, with ethics, as a theoretical doctrine of right."

How are we to act? We should not have to ask this question because such a conflict should never occur. Yet we still see this conflict clearly in every aspect of the

system our society has formed, formed for the very purposes of society itself.

Laws created, upheld and maintained oftentimes do not coincide with any relevant issue voiced by our majority. I would even say some laws have nothing to protect our general welfare from, be that a breach in safety or liberty. The executive, the branch in charge of making sure these laws are executed, can easily break from society's standards in carrying forth its function. And even the judicial branch can slip up at times.

We have evolving standards of decency. Our society has a certain code that we strive to live by. And this code is constantly developing alongside the development of man's capacity to reason and to feel compassion (rather becoming more clear as the years go by and our society is met with different thinkers and different views), regardless of which artificial boundary he resides in.

Government did not form itself. Society was its creator. Society must be its own protector.

The government, and any of its particular systems or laws, must develop alongside its society. Never can there be a conflict between the two. Not only would it point to a fallacy in itself, but also to an unnecessary, even illegitimate government, which does not carry forth its function of serving its society.

CAMPUSTALK

Do you think handing out healthy snacks goes against the spirit of Halloween?



"No, I think it's a great idea. The act of trick-or-treating would remain the same, just a new snack."

Andrew Johnson
Broadcasting



"No, because kids get a lot of candy, so a few healthy things could be good and yummy!"

Kylie Sikes
Mathematic Education



"It can, depends on the treat and how enjoyable it is to those receiving the treats."

John Naker
Horticulture



"No, because treats are secondary, and the dressing up is the fun part."

Lauren Davis
Elementary Education



"Yes, candy is pretty much what kids are expecting."

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Oct. 19
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Oct. 21
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Oct. 22
Kyle A. Hoskam, 21, Maryville, wanted on warrant- failure to yield, 500 block of E. Fourth St.

Oct. 23
Burglary, ongoing investigation, 500 block N. Mulberry
- Oct. 24**
Ashley L. Lovely, 21, Maryville, affray, 400 block of N. Buchanan

Stolen vehicle, ongoing investigation, 300 block of N. Market

Oct. 25
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HORIZONS: Business aims to help community families

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homeless.

“That’s my passion,” Frye said. “That’s why we do what we do.”

Inspired Horizons offices open in Maryville Nov. 4, however, they have been doing in-home therapy for four months now. Frye said that with in-home she can get a better idea of what a family might need because you can see them where they are most comfortable.

Frye, who has two children at Northwest and who’s husband grew-up in Maryville, said she heard that there were not a lot of resources for kids in Maryville.

“Not to mention we just love that hometown atmosphere,” she said.

Frye and the other therapist at Inspired Horizons are excited to be helping the

community and there are others excited to have them here.

Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Luke Reven, thinks that this is a unique new business to have in Maryville. And with the revitalization program that is going on in downtown Maryville he hopes that this is the start of a trend.

“This is a great addition to the community,” Reven said. “There are no counseling services outside of St. Francis.”

On Nov. 4 Inspired Horizons will be hosting an open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Chamber of Commerce and encourage everyone to come see what it is they do.

“They’ve done good work on the building,” Reven said, “and they’re doing the right thing for the community.”

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OBITUARIES

Richard Thomas Newton 1947-2009

Richard Thomas Newton, 62, of Ravenwood, passed from this life on Friday, Oct. 23, 2009 at his home.

He was born on May 27, 1947 in Easton, Penn., he was the son of the late Richard Newton and Miriam (Smith) Allen.

He retired from the Maryville Treatment Center where he worked as a Correctional Officer.

He is survived by two daughters; Kim Cousin, Topeka, KS; and Jacqueline West, Maryville; and five grandchildren Jazlyn Cousin, Talina West, Alexis West, Rachel West, and Damien West.

Preceded in death by his wife Robin Newton, who passed away in 2007, his father and sister, Virginia Jones.

Newton has been cremated under the trusted care of the Danfelt Funeral Home.

Memorial Services will be held at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at the Danfelt Funeral Home, 951 S. Main St., Maryville, Mo., 64468 with the Rev. Paul McKim, officiating. There will be no viewing or visitation. Memorial donations may be made to the family or the American Cancer Society.

Eldon Lee Young 1929-2009

Eldon Lee Young, 79 of Hopkins, Mo., passed away Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009 at the home of his son in Falls City, Neb.

He was born Dec. 17, 1929 in Hopkins, Mo., the son of Francis Lee and Esther Mae (Wiseman) Young.

A graduate of Hopkins High School in the class of

1947, Eldon married Margaret Fern Sleep June 3, 1951 in Hopkins.

Young was a member of the First Christian Church of Hopkins and the Xenia Masonic.

Lodge #50 AF & AM of Hopkins. He was a former Boy Scout and Cub Scout Leader and member of Tribe of the Mic O Say.

He owned and operated the NAPA Auto Parts Store and farmed.

Eldon was preceded in death by his wife: Margaret, July 20, 2005; a son: Dennis Young, June 18, 2005, his parents and a nephew: Randall Young.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law: David and Kathy Young, Falls City, Neb.; 4 grandchildren and their spouses: Alisha and Shane Sutton, Falls City; Christopher and Amanda Young, Stromsburg, Neb.; Melissa and Adam Kissler, Hopkins; Laura Young, Chicago, Illinois; 9 great-grandchildren: Dylan, Alexis, Piper and Harley Sutton; Colby, Paige and Gabi Young; Natalee and Logan Kissler; a brother: Lewis (Doris) Young, Hopkins and a brother-in-law: Guy (Thelma) Sleep, Bella Vista, Arkansas.

Visitation is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6, 2009 at Hopkins First Christian Church, Hopkins, Missouri. There will be a Masonic Service conducted by the Xenia Masonic Lodge #50 AF & AM at 8pm Friday evening at the church.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sat. Nov. 7, 2009 at the Hopkins First Christian Church, with burial in the Hopkins Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Boy Scout Troop # 396, Falls City, Neb. or Hopkins First Christian Church, Hopkins, Mo., in Eldon’s name.

PAST: Owens, Hubbard remember their own innaugurations

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For Dean Hubbard, last week’s ceremony was momentous and he has high hopes for the future.

“I invested a quarter of a century here,” Hubbard said. “Traditions are what give character and soul to an institution, but the transitions are what gives relevance to the institution.”

Hubbard’s inauguration, 25 years ago, maintained those traditions, with the mace, Chain of Office and university delegates attending. His speaker was the president of the University of Nebraska system, Ron Roskins.

“He was the one who encouraged me to consid-

er this, and he nominated me for the position,” he said.

He hopes his enormous work in leadership with establishing an electronic campus and laying the foundation of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship will help the University continue to grow.

“I know it will continue to grow if, as he (Jasinski) pointed out, it doesn’t rest on its morals but continues to adapt,” he said.

For Owens, the University’s current status is the just the way he’d hoped it would evolve to.

“It is so gratifying, it almost brings tears to one’s eyes for me to see what has transpired,” he said.

SAC: Student Activities Council changes appointment cycle; Several executive positions open in the upcoming election

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All positions except for president are open to any Northwest student. In order to be considered for president, the student must first be a member of SAC for at least one year. Students are not required to be a member of the committee in order to apply for a committee chair position; this is the reason for the shadowing period.

SAC is a student organization that plans and host events, ranging from concerts to lunch time activities for students.

Current SAC President, Stephanie Robbins, enjoys being a member because of the connections that SAC helps her make.

“I always know what’s going on, even if it’s not within our organization,” Robbins said.

Robbins became a member of SAC after seeing a flyer during her freshman year, she then attended an event put on by the council and decided that it was an organization she would enjoy being involved in.

“For anyone who could even be interested, I would say to talk to the person who holds the position currently to find out how it works,” Robbins said.

Any Northwest student is eligible to be a member of SAC. Applications to join any of the committees are in the Office of Campus Activities.

“I think it’s important that students know that this is open to all Northwest undergraduate students,” Scheuler said. “Each student pays the student activities, so any student can be a member of SAC.”

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NICOLE MORRIS PLAYS a zombie in the play Night of the Living Dead. The play will run Thursday to Saturday at the studio theater in the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts.

By **Brian Johnson**
Features Editor

One afternoon inside of a dark empty theater, a very unsettling feeling washes over. No one is around, there's hardly any light, and all one can hear is a clanging noise seemingly coming from the backstage area.

As one heads toward the sounds, that unsettling and scared feeling of being alone is immediately quelled by the sounds of voices chatting. It's the sounds of student director Troy Battle and others backstage. They are putting the set together for their next project.

That hopeless feeling felt in the theater is understandable when dealing with the subject matter of the play they are working on, "Night of the Living Dead."

"Night of the Living Dead" is one of the most celebrated horror films of all time. Released in 1968, it helped popularize the zombie movie genre and left thousands of imitators. Its popularity lead to a play version being written, which Battle is bringing to audiences.

The story follows a group of people being held up in a house while zombies hunt down human flesh in order to sustain themselves and survive.

"I've always loved classic horror," Battle said. "I'm a fan of the zombie genre and a fan of the better movies."

Battle, a senior, is a theater major with a focus on directing. He had suggested a number of shows to bring to the school, "Night of the Living Dead" being one of them. The play was eventually chosen to be presented around Halloween.

One of the play's 25 cast members is junior Chelsea Nett, who plays the role of Helen Cooper, a wife and mother trying to keep her family safe and alive from the zombies.

"She's kind of finicky and frantic about the situation," Nett said. "But she's very confident and a very dominant character ... she wears the pants in the family."

Nett has never seen the original "Night of the Living Dead" movie. She was also instructed along with the rest of the cast to not watch the movie during production by Battle.

"You don't want to be confined to anything when you're developing a character," Nett said. "He wanted us to have an open mind and kind of be able to explore and do what we wanted."

The most important characters in a play about zombies are the zombies themselves. In many zombie



movie there is often a leader zombie and this play will have the same criteria. Junior Keaton Schmidt will be filling that role.

To help prepare, Schmidt dedicated himself to looking at the different characterizations of zombies. He also studied how cultures look at zombies, while still trying to create something original.

"We did a lot of individual character work ... just deciding what's our motivation, which is primarily eating flesh," Schmidt said with a laugh. "As soon as I knew that we were going to do this play, I immediately wanted to be a zombie, I wanted to freak people out and I want people to be scared."

Schmidt has long been a fan of zombie movies, the satire and issues that they bring up.

"It's an interesting outlook on monsters and having our enemies actually be us is kind of interesting," Schmidt said. "It deals with who's the real enemy. Is it the zombies or is it ourselves and our pride?"

The play is set to be like the movie: black and white. The unconventional style of play meant that student makeup artist Sophomore Erica Baker was faced with the task of making the entire cast black and white, the zombies pale and making the blood black.

The ultimate goal of everyone working on "Night of the Living Dead" is to provide a scary experience for horror fans and zombie fans alike. Battle said that he wants to provide an entertaining and scary story with some lessons to be learned by the end.

"I want everyone to be entertained and a little creeped out," Battle said. "One of the major things we try to push is if we don't work together, we can't succeed. We see what comes of that if we don't work together."

NIGHT OF THE LIVING

BEARCATS



COLUMN

Tebow’s not even a quarterback, cut it out with the hype

Tim Tebow is overrated. There, I said it.

I can’t be the only one who actually believes it though. Steve Spurrier, head coach of the South Carolina Gamecocks, didn’t make a mistake when he picked Mississippi quarterback Jevan Snead over Tebow for SEC player of the year.

Spurrier was just making clear what many have know all along, Tebow gets more credit than he deserves.

Yes, I know he’s the only sophomore ever to win the Heisman Trophy. That year he did deserve it, but he’s not a quarterback. Plain and simple, he’s just not.

He’s an H-back or reincarnation of the Washington Redskins’ Chris Cooley.

How he keeps winning football games from behind center is just beyond me, his jump pass last year made me sick and it was praised as a great play.

He got lucky, he’s made his career on luck.

He’s a smuck, a fraud even. He works in Urban Meyer’s system, but who wouldn’t. Meyer won in bunches at Utah with far less talented players than those surrounding Tebow.

He’s a winner because of the system. Michael Crabtree and Graham Harrell from Texas Tech are the same way, they succeeded and had gaudy stats because of Mike Leach’s air-it-out system.

Harrell didn’t get drafted and it came as no surprise, but Tebow will be a high round pick because he’s touted as a winner.

He won’t make it as an NFL quarterback. Brett Favre is the only one who can pull off the stupid stuff the Tebow does at the college level in the NFL and



Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

actually win.

Don’t get me wrong, I love that Tebow will take on a linebacker head-first. That’s awesome, but it’s also why he is a replica of Cooley. He’d make a great fullback or tight end with a couple years experience at the position.

He’s not a quarterback. So please, give the credit to real quarterbacks who lead their teams to victory.

And please Tim, when you make it to the NFL as the third round pick you should be, please do it without the crappy motivational speeches, full of clichés that people raved about for no apparent reason.

“I promise you one thing, a lot of good will come out of this. You will never see any player in the entire country play as hard as I will play the rest of the season.

You will never see someone push the rest of the team as hard as I will push everybody the rest of the season. You will never see a team play harder than we will the rest of the season.”

Really? Anyone could say that. Tebow and the Gators just happen to be big names and got recognition and vaulted into the National Title game that left unbeaten out in the cold.

Put Tebow at any school that isn’t Top-5 caliber every year and he would have never had this kind of success or had the opportunity to give that terrible speech.

Hopefully, NFL General Managers notice the same things I do and don’t buy into the unearned hype.

The last thing I want my favorite NFL team to do is draft Tebow in the first round. They’d regret it for years, because Tebow won’t pan out as a quarterback and would rot on the bench.

AROUND THE CAMPUS

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“The Yankees because they are from New York and they have experience winning it before.”

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SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Brian “The Bulldog’s” picks
Prediction record (12-14)
NCAA Lock

Purdue at Wisconsin — Badgers
The Boilermakers pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the year when they beat Ohio State. Key word in that is upset. It wasn’t suppose to happen and won’t happen again.

NCAA Upset
SC at Tenn. — Gamecocks

Tennessee has been all over the map this year. After the heart-break against Alabama. I think the Vols drop a winnable game against the old ball coach.

NFL Lock
Miami at NYJ — Jets
After destroying Oakland last week, this pick is a no-brainer. Mark Sanchez has played better than I think anyone expected. Plus, Miami is winless on the road this year.

Jason’s Picks
Prediction record (10-16)
NCAA Lock

California at Arizona St. — Cal
Jahvid Best is due to have a breakout game and Arizona State is as good a team to have it against as any.

NCAA Upset
Ole Miss at Auburn — Auburn
Auburn has been an underdog all season. This game is no different, but Mississippi hasn’t put up the numbers everyone expected. Auburn will shock everyone again and come away with the upset.

NFL Lock
Houston at Buffalo — Texans
Matt Schaub is putting together the season the Texans thought he would have when they traded for him. Buffalo’s T.O. experiment is failing miserably and it won’t get any better against Houston’s high-powered offense.

Tony’s Picks
Prediction record (0-0)
NCAA Lock
WVU at So. Florida — West VA
The Mountaineers pulled out a win at home against an inspired UConn team, while the Bulls strung together a pair of pathetic showings against Cincinnati and Pitt. Noel Devine and WVU roll in this game.

NCAA Upset
USC at Oregon — Ducks
Pete Carroll and the Trojans of late have struggled mightily on the road and late in the season. USC’s defense will have to step up their game from last weeks 482 yard charity event for the Beavers.

NFL Lock
Jacksonville at Tennessee — Titans
Ok, so I think its safe to say that the Titans are the best winless team in the NFL. Chris Johnson looks to please his fantasy league owners by having a huge day against the Jags.

Seth’s Picks
Prediction record (10-10)
NCAA Lock
Miami at Wake Forest — Miami
After losing to conference opponent Clemson last week, the ‘Canes look to bounce back. They have won five straight over Wake and won’t slow down here.

NCAA Upset
Texas at Okla. St. — Okie St.
Okie St. has been a terror on offense so far this season, one of the few remaining constants from last year’s Big 12 conference. QB Zac Robinson is leading the conference in passing efficiency, and although UT’s defense has been good, the Cowboys pull out the upset.

NFL Lock
Minnesota at GB — Packers
I got this match up wrong last game, but the Packers are improved. This game will get ugly.

STROLLER

Your Man asks what’s so great about a penny

The headline comes up every nine months or so in your money section of the newspaper, “Is there any value in the penny?” The dollar is worthless overseas, so what is 1 percent of worthless? Yet we’ve all been stuck with 80 pieces of nothing at some point.

Last weekend, Your Man was in line at the grocery store fulfilling his Sunday night obligation of Die Hard rental, Sam Adams Octoberfest brew and Twizzlers. Sure enough, the grand total came up to \$14.01. And thus, it began.

I tried playing it nice, joking with the attendant and being casual at the same time.

What the heck – maybe she’d cut me a break, you know she’ll make it up at the end of her shift somehow. I thought said attendant would catch what I was leading to, so I didn’t have to be a jerk about it.

“Shoot... I have absolutely NO change,” I said. Did I get a smile? Maybe an “Oh, that’s okay”? No wink, nod, nothing. She stared at me through her thick-brimmed, daffodil-designed trifocals and slowly started to type the dreaded “20.00” into the computer.

My life flashed before my eyes. It’s a penny for the love of God!!! I have all the respect for Abraham Lincoln, but come on. You don’t even hear Marlo

Thomas ask for a penny a day at Thanksgiving for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. Besides that, I don’t want to be Your Man who walks around with change clinging in his pocket. That was popular 30 years ago, if ever.

I tried to reason with her. “Hey, I hate to do this, but you know it’s only a penny.”

Her response was everything you would expect from that ruler-carrying nun in Catholic school.

“If I made the exception for you I’d have to make it for everyone,” she said.

Ready to swipe my delicious frozen meal and movie, along with her daffodils, I,

playing Your ‘Bigger’ Man, tried to negotiate, again.

“I’m not that kind of guy who does this,” I said.

“I’m sorry but I just can’t do this for someone who isn’t prepared,” she responded.

Exhaling roughly, and still ready to break some of those damn daffodils leaving her blind and helpless, I took my thawed lasagna and 99 pieces of nothing and left.

The entire time I kept asking myself so many questions. What kind of world is this? If one another can’t watch out for each other than how are we expected to evolve as a culture? If we won’t help each other who will we help? Who



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will we turn our backs on next: orphans, single pregnant mothers or three-legged dogs?

These questions were halted soon enough. The alarm went off at the door. She didn’t disable the movie. She beat

Your Man.
Daffodil lady got the last laugh.

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FOOTBALL

'Hounds add new dimension for playoffs

By Christopher Woodland
Contributing Reporter

Maryville seems to have added a new dimension to its offensive attack as it prepares to wrap up districts, and attempt another deep playoff run.

The Spoofohounds' quarterback-duo complemented its dominant running game by completing 6-of-11 passes for 88 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions in a 42-13 rout of South Harrison last Friday.

"It means a lot (going into playoffs)," starting quarterback Marcus Grudzinski said. "Now we know that we can line up and throw the football, so defenses will have to game plan for that a little bit too."

Winless St. Joseph LeBlond should present an opportunity to work out any kinks in the 'Hounds new dimension. The Golden Eagles have only held one opponent under 40 points this year, Mid-Buchanan scored 32 in week one, while allowing more than 50 points on three separate occasions and losing their last three games each by a final score of 47-7.

In six MEC games, the Eagles have allowed 305 points, the 'Hounds, by comparison, have allowed 68 points against the same six opponents.

Despite the statistical discrepancies, Maryville defensive coordinator Tom Scarbrough will still look for improvement in different areas of the 'Hounds defense.

"There's always something we can improve on, offense or defense," Scarbrough said. "We've got new kids playing on either side. We played 27 kids on defense last week and we're just going to keep doing that on both sides



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JUNIOR RUNNING BACK Gavin Talmadge burst through a Trenton defender's tackle. Talmadge rushed for 81 yards, two touchdowns and had a 10-yard touchdown reception in the 'Hounds 42-13 victory over the Bulldogs.

of the ball."

Last week, the Bulldogs held the 'Hounds' offense in check for most of the first half, before backup quarterback Sam Snyder connected with Gavin Talmadge on a 10-yard pass with 10 seconds left in the second quarter.

Maryville added another score just more than a minute into the third quarter to increase its lead to 21 points.

After receiving the second half kickoff, starting quarterback Marcus Grudzinski gained 33 yards on a scramble, and Derek DeMott rushed for a 13-yard touchdown on the next play to cap a two-play 46-yard drive. Grudzinski then ran the two-point conversion in to increase the 'Hounds' lead to 28-7.

The 'Hounds scored on their next two possessions to make it four touchdowns on four consecutive possessions to push the lead to 42-13, and secure a first-round home playoff game.

Snyder completed two passes, both for touchdowns, for 48 yards, while Grudzinski completed four passes for 40 yards and one touchdown, while also running and throwing for a pair of successful two-point conversions in the victory.

With both quarterbacks finding their groove at about the same time, Maryville head coach Chris Holt sees no reason to hand the reins over to one or the other.

"Marcus is our starter and Sam gets every third series,

and we've just kind of stuck with that," Holt said. "Both bring positives, but it seems like both of their play has elevated. Until it doesn't work, why stop."

The passing game wasn't the only thing clicking for the 'Hounds, though. Maryville's running backs accumulated 283 yards, led by DeMott's 111 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries. Talmadge added 81 yards and two touchdowns in addition to his 10-yard second quarter touchdown reception.

With the playoffs starting, the 'Hounds will focus on self-improvement with games now just five days apart rather than a week.

Maryville kicks off its season finale against LeBlond at 7 p.m. tonight in St. Joseph.

SPOOFHOUNDS

SOCCER

Spoofhounds control senior night, look towards districts

By Brian Bosiljevac
Sports Editor

The Spoofohound soccer team will head into district play Saturday with a No. 3 seeding.

The 'Hounds defense has stepped up as the season has drawn to an end, recording four straight shut outs.

"The defense is definitely doing its job," head coach Stuart Collins said. "But I made a challenge to shoot on the opposing goal more. They've really taken it to heart."

Monday night's shut out against Lafayette happened because of strong defensive play and the goal keeping of senior Trevor Sybert.

Sybert recorded five saves throughout the game.

The 'Hounds on the other hand had no problem getting shots on goal. The team took a total of 28 shots by seven different players.

Maryville connected on two shots, winning 2-0.

Both goals came from junior Dexter Barmann, who scored off of assists from sophomores Calvin Talmadge and Shawn Scheffe. The goals were scored in the 29th and 72nd minutes of the game.

Sybert and the defense continued its dominance the following day when the 'Hounds kept Cameron scoreless.

The win made senior night one to remember for the 'Hounds six seniors.

"It was really great," Collins said. "Everyone works so well together. All the seniors

go to play the whole game. It was really neat to see. It was exciting to send them out with a convincing win."

Maryville's defense wasn't the only one to show up Tuesday night though. The 'Hounds offense contributed five goals in the rout of Cameron.

Barmann recorded two of the 'Hounds goals in the 15th and 46th minutes of the game. Barmann's goals came off of assists from sophomore Ryan Vandivert and senior Jackson Graves.

Graves also contributed an unassisted goal in the 21st minute.

Vandivert finished off the scoring explosion with two goals in the 23rd and 58th minute. Barmann and senior John Morton assisted Vandivert on his two goals.

"Those three are definitely a threat," Collins said. "But you can't leave out everybody else. Those guys move the ball so well. The three who scored goals last night always do a great job, but everybody up front has done great work."

The 'Hounds finished the regular season with 14-6-2 overall record and 6-1 in the MEC.

"We are pleased with the season, but I think there are four games that everyone wishes we could have back," Collins said. "Everyone has come together. We are looking forward to districts."

Maryville will take on Alta Vista in the first round of district play at 2 p.m. Saturday at Barstow School in Kansas City.

NORTHWEST

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Blake Bolles



Junior quarterback Blake Bolles passed for 367 yards and a touchdown. He completed 37-50 passes. Bolles also ran for a touchdown in the 22-19 win over Washburn on Saturday. He was named the Don Black Award winner as homecoming MVP.

Laira Akin



Sophomore setter Laira Akin recorded 110 assists in the Bearcats' three games last week. She recorded 46 of them in Northwest's 3-1 win over Fort Hays State on Friday night. Akin also recorded 4 kills and 21 digs in the three games.

Gavin Talmage



Junior running back Gavin Talmage scored three times in Maryville's 42-13 win over South Harrison last Friday night. Talmage ran for two touchdowns and was on the receiving end for another. The win clinched a playoff birth.

Jordan Steins



Senior Jordan Steins tied for the team lead with 7 kills in a 2-0 win over Trenton on Monday night. She recorded 15 kills in Maryville's 2-0 win over Lathrop on Tuesday night. The 'Hounds played in the district championship on Wednesday night.

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SOCCER FOOTBALL SATURDAYS

Bearcats tie record, 10 wins

By Tony Botts
Missourian Reporter

By the time eight minutes had bled off of the game clock, the Northwest soccer team had already found itself in a hole.

University of Nebraska-Omaha's Nicole Baier struck quickly by netting her first of two goals on the day, inside the three-minute mark.

Her second goal came five minutes later, putting the 'Cats behind by two before 10 minutes could tick away.

"I think the girls showed up and played well," graduate assistant coach Shuhei Sano said. "It's very sad that the first ten minutes took us the whole way. The first 10 to 15 minutes is always crucial," Sano said. "We try to get a rhythm going and try to set the pace and tone. It's very hard to play in that first ten minutes; just to get in that rhythm."

Both teams fell silent for the

remainder of the match with the 'Cats eventually losing 2-0.

While things went downhill rather quickly against UNO, the Bearcats clawed their way to a victory on the road against Emporia State, last Thursday night.

The win tied last year's record for most wins in a season with 10.

Andrea Tritz started the scoring for the 'Cats netting her 14th career goal, moving her to second place all time in Northwest history.

Heidi Sobota sealed the victory with her third goal of the season, in double-overtime, to beat the Hornets.

This nine player senior class has an opportunity to top last year's record for most wins in a season by earning the win at home, or during on of the two remaining road games at Southwest Baptist and Central Missouri.

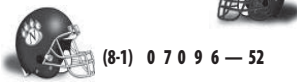
Kick-off against Missouri Southern on Senior Day is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Saturday at Bearcat Pitch.



FRESHMAN AMANDA BUNDRANT fights for the ball with a Nebraska-Omaha opponent in the 2-0 loss on Saturday. The Bearcats tied the program record for wins, by getting their tenth against Emporia State.



A GANG OF Northwest tacklers bring down Washburn running back Justin Cooper shy of the end zone. The Bearcats beat Washburn 22-19 in overtime.

SCORE BY QUARTER									
(6-3)	6	7	0	3	3	—	35		
(8-1)	0	7	0	9	6	—	52		

MIAA STANDINGS		
School	MIAA	Overall
Northwest	7-0	8-1
Central Mo.	5-2	7-2
Mo. Western	5-2	7-2
Washburn	4-3	6-3
Neb.-Omaha	4-3	5-4
Fort Hays St.	3-4	5-4
Pittsburg St.	3-4	5-4
Mo. Southern	3-4	3-5
Emporia St.	1-6	2-7
Truman	0-7	1-8

VOLLEYBALL

'Cats see opportunity for wins on road

By Brian Bosiljevac
Sports Editor

The Bearcat volleyball team will be spending most of Halloween week-end on the road.

After picking up its third conference win, the 'Cats move to 12-17 overall and 3-10 in the MIAA.

The 'Cats started the weekend off with 3-1 victory over Fort Hays on Friday night, making the Tigers the first team 'Cats beat both at home and away this season.

"We took the match to four sets, but were able to come away with the "W" in that one, so we were very glad," interim head coach Allison Rogers said. "We won a tough battle with Fort Hays earlier in the year. That match went to five sets. For some reason they have just been a tough team to play for us, but we took care of them again on our court and we're very proud of that."

Sophomore Ashley Mitchell brought in a career-high 15 kills in the victory. She also added three total blocks and three assists.

The following day the 'Cats took on the number nine team in the country, Emporia State.

The Hornets swept Northwest in three straight sets. The 'Cats fell 14-25, 17-25 and 23-25.

"Emporia is a tough team and we knew that going into the match on Saturday," Rogers said. "However, these girls did not just lay down and die. They still came out strong and did very good things."

Junior Amber Ryan led the 'Cats with 11 kills and a .440 hitting percentage.

Emporia's two All-Americans helped put the 'Cats away. Ting Liu led the Hornets with 36 assists and Arica Shepard carried the team with 12 kills.

After a week off from

play the 'Cats will take on back-to-back road games.

Northwest makes a trip to Pittsburg State on Friday and then leaves for a match against Southwest Baptist on Saturday morning.

"We are on the road this whole weekend so it will make for a long week of practices for us," Rogers said. "They had Monday off so hopefully they are focused and ready to go for the remainder of the week."

Northwest dropped back-to-back matches to these two squads earlier this season.

The Gorillas are ranked No. 24 in the country and swept the 'Cats the last time the two teams met.

The match against Southwest Baptist provides the 'Cats with the best chance to move up in the MIAA rankings. The purple Bearcats are one spot ahead of Northwest with 3-9 conference mark.

COUNCIL: Goals left this season

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but ended up being five or six weeks. That got me a little stressed, but after another full summer, I had full confidence in my leg."

When Omon graduated, Council was handed the starting job.

"It was tough. Trying to fill his shoes was a difficult process, one that I knew I couldn't have done alone," Council said. "We had a great supporting cast...they really helped me out my junior year. It made it a lot easier for me. People want to see you rush for 1,500 yards for four years like he did, it was tough and I'm just glad I had the players around me to help me do it."

Council came through in a big way, rushing for 1,739 yards and 36 touchdowns during the 2008 run to the fourth straight appearance in the National Championship game.

"Last year, to be real honest, I didn't know what to expect going into the season," Tjeerdsma said. "He stayed healthy through fifteen games and so far so good."

He was also named all-region, all-conference and to four All-America teams.

Before making his way to Northwest, Council was a standout

athlete at Center High School in Kansas City.

He was a two-way star for Center, garnering all-state honors as a running back. He gained almost 2,000 yards with 20 touchdowns.

"I came in like any real good high school player," Council said. "I thought I was going to be that special guy who came in and just started doing real good right away. I learned quickly that most freshmen redshirt, so I ended up doing that. After that, I had high expectations and thought I could do really well."

Council is set to graduate in May with a degree in statistics and a focus on actuary, but hopes his football days aren't over yet.

"Hopefully I get to continue to play a little football somewhere," Council said. "If I'm not as fortunate as some guys to do that, I'll graduate with a degree in statistics and go into that and try and make a living doing something with it."

Before he can get to May, there could be a lot of college football left in his future.

"My goals are to get back to Florence (Al.) and win the big dance," Council said. "That's something we haven't been able to do the last four years. I think we have a pretty good shot at that."

The Bearcats' last loss in Hays, Kan. came in 1977.

Northwest can clinch its ninth outright MIAA title in the last 14 years with a win on Saturday.

Jake Soy's 15 touch-down catches leads the nation. He's one shy of the single-season MIAA record.

Last season Northwest defeated Fort Hays State 56-7 on Homecoming.

The Bearcats have won 35 straight games in MIAA play.

Northwest has won the last five meetings in the series.

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SENIOR RUNNING BACK LaRon Council drives through a Washburn tackle in an overtime win. Council is the fifth back in program history to reach 3,000 yards in a career.

Running back fights adversity, leaves mark in record books

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

He takes the handoff, cuts right, dives over the pile and into the end zone for a Bearcat touchdown.

This was the scene Saturday as Northwest beat Washburn 22-19 on an overtime score by senior running back LaRon Council.

"I just want to help this team win anyway possible," Council said. "If that's running the ball 20 times or catching it 10 times a game, that's just something I expect out of myself to help this team win anyway possible."

Council is second all-time in total touchdowns with 52 and rushing touchdowns with 49. His predecessor, Xavier Omon, who's now

with the NFL's Buffalo Bills, holds both records and is also No. 1 on the all-time rushing yards list.

This year, Council leads the MIAA with 864 yards and 12 touchdowns. He became only the fifth running back in Northwest history to rush for 3,000 yards in a career.

"First of all, I think it's a great honor," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "This is a school that's had some great backs, not just while we've been here, but there have been some other ones that have been great backs. For him to be in that group with only four other guys, that's pretty exclusive company and a tremendous honor for him. To do it in the amount of time he's done it in makes it that much more special as far as

I'm concerned."

Before Council was scoring touchdowns for the Bearcats, he was battling back from leg injuries during his freshman and sophomore seasons, making his feat much more impressive.

He broke it the first time and was out for the entire season, but fought back and won the starting fullback job as a sophomore.

"We were very confident he was going to be our second running back behind Xavier and that's exactly where he was," Tjeerdsma said. "He came on so strong we moved him to fullback so he was on the field with Xavier and he was also our backup tailback."

He reinjured his leg again four games into the 2007

Career Stats

52 touchdowns

49 rushing touchdowns

3,126 rushing yards

582 carries

season against Southwest Baptist, filling his mind with doubt about the rest of his career.

"The second time it was a little harder," Council said. "You start to doubt yourself. A little bit of doubt goes in your head, like man is this really for me. So I felt the second time was harder than the first time. The first time I was out the whole year, but the second time was only supposed to be a two or three week thing,

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NW FOOTBALL



photo by seth cook | editor in chief
SOPHOMORE WIDE RECEIVER Jake Soy brings down a pass to set-up a late 'Cats touchdown. Soy caught nine balls for 108 yards.

Outright MIAA title on the line against Fort Hays State

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The Bearcats can lock up their ninth outright conference championship in the last 14 years with a win over Fort Hays State on Saturday.

"We've been there before," senior offensive lineman Ross Hastert said. "We're excited about it, we want to go out and win it. We heard that Western lost, so we clinched a share, but we don't want to share it with anybody, so we're going to go get it."

Northwest leads the MIAA in six offensive categories, including scoring offense, averaging 40.9 points per game, while Fort Hays comes in ninth in scoring defense, giving up 33.6 points per contest.

"I think it's important for us to stay balanced," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "I think it's going to be important for us to establish the running game Saturday. That and probably the most important thing is not have the penalties we had. If we can stay out of first and 15, it makes it a lot easier to play football."

While Fort Hays doesn't rank well statistically in the conference, they have played most teams close to this point, compiling a 5-4 record.

"They've become very consistent," Tjeerdsma said. "They've only played one bad game all year. They led Washburn fourteen to nothing at Washburn, they ended up losing 28-14, but they're a very capable team."

In the Homecoming game, junior quarterback Blake Bolles passed for a career-high 367 yards. He also threw for a touchdown and ran for another in the 22-19 win over Washburn on his way to the Don Black Award, awarded annually to the Homecoming MVP.

"As an offensive line, we have to protect him," Hastert said. "If he has time, he can pick apart a defense. He's done a great job of that all year. Credit the skill guys too, we have great skill guys around him that make that very easy for him to throw downfield. We've got Jake Soy running downfield, I'll take him over any one in the nation."

Next Game

• 2 p.m.

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Bolles is now just one touchdown shy of tying Greg Teale's school record of 27 touchdowns in a single season. Sophomore wide receiver Jake Soy's 15 touchdown receptions are also just one shy of the single-season record for touchdown receptions set by Tony Miles in 1998.

The Bearcats are also No. 1 in the MIAA in sacks with 29. Fort Hays has given up 21 this season, ninth in the league.

The 'Cats could get a big lift this week with the possible return of senior defensive end Sean Paddock from a foot injury.

"That's huge," junior defensive end Kyle Sunderman said. "It's a huge advantage to have him back for our D-line. His presence on the field alone gets quarterback's mental clocks going a little bit quicker. They watch him."

The secondary is also coming along from injuries suffered in the Washburn game.

Junior cornerback Ryan Jones sustained a high ankle sprain breaking up a pass in the end zone during the fourth quarter. Senior safety Myles Burnsides also went down at halftime with concussion symptoms.

Burnsides came around last Sunday, but Jones is questionable for Saturday, Tjeerdsma said.